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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111 Address to: Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Attorney Docket Confirmation No.	BEAR006CIP 1637
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	Group Art Unit	1653
	Examiner Name	C.M. Kam
	Title	<i>Integrin binding motif containing peptides and methods of treating skeletal diseases</i>

Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated February 9, 2004 for which a three-month period for response was given, making this response due on or before May 9, 2004. *A Petition for a two-Month Extension of Time is submitted herewith, making this amendment due on or before July 9, 2004.* Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

In view of the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.